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Workshops To Highlight Meeting Slated by Unitarian Churches

The Connecticut Valley conference of Unitarian churches will meet Sunday, April 28 from 3 to 7:30 p.m. at the All Soul's Unitarian Church in Greenfield, Mass. Following registration, devotions by Rev. Paul H. Chapman, and greetings by President Harold P. Hale, there will be 4 important workshops that will highlight the afternoon session. Rev. Robert S. Slater, chairman of the religious education workshop has procured the Rev. Eugene B. Navias of the Second Congregational Society, Unitarian, of Concord, N. H. to preside. Mr. Navias has until recently been assistant minister and religious education director of the First Unitarian Church of Cleveland and has served on the religious education staff for the May Meetings. He will give a talk on a phase of religious education and then have questions and discussion. All teachers and interested parents are urged to attend this workshop. Mr. and Mrs. C. Elmer Richmond of East Longmeadow will conduct the workshop on Youth Advising, of special interest to youth workers and parents. They have devoted much of their lives to the study of this field and currently guide the Springfield Unitarian groups and conduct the youth week on Star Island. Mr. H. Talbot Pearson, Executive director of the Unitarian Layman's League will conduct the workshop on lay participation in the church. Mr. Pearson has directed many community, civic and theatre projects all over the country and is an author and dramatist with wide experience as a lecturer.

Mrs. Arthur Ball of Springfield will conduct the general group. Mrs. Ball is the President of the Connecticut Valley Alliance and an able speaker in her own field on mental health problems.

Supper will be served at 6. The supper talk will be given by Judge Carl E. Wahlstrom of the Probate Court of Worcester, Mass.

Scout News

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Walbridge were the leaders for the Girl Scout meeting held Monday afternoon at the Little House. Mrs. Walbridge's group worked on the requirements for the "hospitality" badge and Mrs. Johnson worked with second class requirements. Betty Aldrich led opening exercises and Clemma Black brought refreshments.

Carol Lombard, Troop Scribe

Mankowski Fire Damage Estimated at \$6,000

The Tri-State Mutual Aid system again proved its value on Monday when fire departments were able to save a part of the buildings at the Mankowski farm on the South Mountain Road.

The fire was discovered about 4:30 Monday afternoon and the milk house and contents, garage, shed and chicken house were totally destroyed. The southwest part of the house, roof and porch were burned and it was only by the hard work of firemen that the rest of the house was saved. All water used, an estimated 6,000 gallons, was brought to the fire by the tank fire trucks, Gill, Erving and Warwick trucks assisting. Fire apparatus from Hinsdale stood by at the local fire station.

The damage is estimated at \$6,000. The cause of the fire is undetermined.

State Forester William H. Messeck on Monday ordered a statewide ban on burning permits. No permits will be issued for outdoor fires until rains reduce the fire hazard, anywhere in the state.

Our "Washington Elm" Greets 24th Arbor Day

Today is Arbor Day by a proclamation from Gov. Foster Furcolo. The day when each home owner should plant a tree or shrub for the future.

In the year 1932 or 1933 the Daughters of the American Revolution asked each town in Massachusetts to plant an elm tree in memory of George Washington, near the 200th anniversary of his birth. This was carried out by the Village Improvement Society. Mr. Foster of Bernardston, then highway department foreman, furnished the tree and prepared the place for planting. Frank Montague, then chairman of the selectmen, planted the tree. Carl Mason, president of the Village Improvement Society spoke on the significance of the tree planting and our public school children were present and sang.

The tree is the small elm directly in front of the south door of the Unitarian church. Mr. Gould, then publisher of the Northfield Press, which was located in the small building south of the church, cared for the tree and gave it a good start. It is now a beautiful tree and we should all know and remember that is our "Washington Elm." Let's hope it withstands the ravages of the Dutch Elm disease. Some day it should be marked.

Virginia Lyman Elected Chairman

Virginia S. Lyman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Lyman of 9 Grinnell St., Greenfield, was installed Tuesday as chairman of the Campus Government Association of Northfield School for Girls. She has been president of the junior class for the year 1956-57, a member of the junior choir and chancel choir and is active in extra-curricular sports.

Men's Brotherhoods To Hold Turkey Feast

The annual spring meeting of the Franklin County Federation of Men's Brotherhoods will be held at the Congregational Church in Turners Falls Monday evening at 7:45.

A turkey dinner will be served at the Congregational, Episcopal and Baptist churches at 6:15. Reservations should be made with the head of the men's clubs here in Northfield or from Richard Phelps, Ellis Franklin or Walter Reed in Bernardston.

Franklin Stamp Club Aids Vets at Leeds Hosp.

The members of the Franklin Stamp club are starting a drive to collect stamps for the veterans at the hospital at Leeds. They will be collecting until the end of the month.

Most of the men are bed patients, or otherwise confined to the hospital and most are general collectors. They would like any extra stamps that collectors may have, United States or foreign.

The club has several thousand now but could use many more. Any help would be appreciated: stamps, stamp books, hinges or any matter pertaining to stamps.

Material may be sent to Ralph Kruk, 17 North St., Greenfield, or he will call for any contribution. Phone PR 3-3005.

BUY U. S. SAVINGS BONDS

Daylight Saving Time will take effect at 2 a.m. Sunday, April 28. Those who want to arrive in church on time Sunday should set their clocks ahead one hour Saturday night.

H. Hartwig Talks Before Fortnightly Club

The annual Fortnightly luncheon held at the Northfield hotel on Thursday, April 18, was a most successful affair, attended by about 75 members and a few guests with Mrs. Ross L. Spencer, president, presiding. Following the luncheon Miss Hildegard Hartwig, an exchange teacher from Germany at the Northfield School for Girls, spoke to the group. Miss Hartwig told in a most interesting manner of the position of women in Germany, of their dress, mode of living and attitude toward the future. She said she is amazed and delighted at the optimistic attitude of the women in this country. Miss Hartwig was introduced by Mrs. S. Wynne Keever, chairman of the program committee.

All went to the hotel parlors where they enjoyed the one-act play, "Thin Ice," directed by Mrs. Roger Greenwood with Mrs. George Leonard, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Mrs. George Carr, Mrs. Joseph W. Reeves and Mrs. Edgar Livingston taking part.

This was the final meeting of the club year, the next season to begin early in October.

State Federation meetings will be the annual meetings on May 13, 14, 15 at Swampscott; the fall meeting at the Student Union, University of Massachusetts, on Oct. 23, and a mid-winter meeting on January 30.

Cub Scouts To Discuss "Robinson Crusoe"

The April meeting of the Cub Scouts to be held at the Town Hall this evening at 7 o'clock will be on the theme of "Robinson Crusoe." Cub scouts and their parents with all leaders will attend the meeting. Each den will give a skit on the program theme.

Hotel Pasture To Serve As Air Strip for Kites

It's on Saturday afternoon that the kite flying contest is to be held at 2 o'clock in the Northfield Hotel pasture on Birnam Road. Fathers should accompany their sons if possible. If not, someone else may substitute. Prizes are to be awarded for the best kite and success in kite flying.

Banquet Tickets on Sale For Fish and Game Assoc

Tickets for the annual Fish and Game Association Banquet to be held at the Town Hall on Saturday evening, May 18th are now on sale. You are advised to buy tickets early so as to have a seat at this popular annual event which always fills the Town Hall dining room to capacity. Tickets will be sold to members only until May 12 and may be purchased from Malcolm Parks, Charles Streeter or Francis Reed.

Drive-In Theatre Will Open Tonite

The Northfield Community Drive-In Theatre on the Northfield Hinsdale Road Route 63 will open for the season tonight. The pictures being shown this weekend—Friday, Saturday and Sunday are to be "Friendly Persuasion" starring Gary Cooper and Dorothy McGuire and "Magnificent Roughnecks" with Mickey Rooney and Jack Carson.

Pictures will be shown on week ends only at the present and programs will be mailed on request.

Annual Home Makers Day, May 25, To Be Observed by County Women

School Committee Notes Perfect Attendance

The members of Northfield School Committee are having a perfect score of attendance at the meetings for school committees being held at Smith College by the education department in cooperation with the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and the Superintendents Association. All members have attended the three of the six Tuesday evening meetings already held.

The Pioneer Valley Regional High School Committee has also been well represented.

Brook Trout Partial To Jessie Skinner, 14

The fishing season opened with a beautiful day on Saturday and everyone who owned a fish pole was out to try their luck. The fishermen were too close together for pleasure on a good many of the streams. However the fish were not as hungry or for some reason were not lured to a fate in the frying pan as easily as some years. The fishermen did not report the success they had hoped for although some of our more experienced anglers had the limit with only a short time of fishing.

One of these was Jessie Ann Skinner of Warwick Avenue who had her limit of 9 to 12 inch trout by 5 o'clock from the Warwick Brook. Though only 14 years old, Jessie is a veteran of this sport and always catches the limit in the first hours of the first day.

There were not as many or as large trout brought to the measuring places by the children, 13 or under who may compete in the Fish and Game Association, as in the past two years. However, the big ones are still there, and there is almost a month before the close of the contest.

Sugar Supper Planned By Montague Grange

The men of Montague Grange will serve a sugar supper Saturday evening at the Montague Grange Hall at 5:30 and 6:30. The menu will include scalloped potatoes and ham, baked beans, cabbage salad, home made breads, pickles, doughnuts, coffee and sugar on snow.

A card party will follow at 8 p.m. sponsored by the Youth Committee.

Covered Bridge Society To Meet Sun. in YMCA

The Connecticut River Valley Covered Bridge Society will meet Sunday afternoon at the Gray Room at the YMCA in Greenfield at 2 o'clock. Officers will be elected for the coming year. A nominating committee, Dr. Stanley Banks of Brattleboro, chairman; Mrs. Herbert Foster of Windsor, Vt., and L. J. Byers of Princeton, N. J., were named at the last meeting and will report.

Slides, of which the Society has a choice collection, will be shown and following the meeting Hubert Hill, 'Y' secretary, will conduct a tour of the building. Miss Millie Osgood of Greenfield will be in charge of refreshments.

Present officers are Mrs. Orrin Lincoln of Greenfield, president, and Leon Dunnell of Northfield, vice president.

This society numbers about 145 members from all parts of New England, and from New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

All who are interested are invited to this Sunday afternoon meeting.

The annual Home Makers Day of the Home Department of the Franklin County Extension Service will be held here in Northfield at the Town Hall Wednesday, May 22.

The program is being planned and carried out by Mrs. Harry Lapides, chairman; Mrs. Ely Wyman, O. Lewis Wyman, Mrs. John Hackett and Mrs. Alfred Ohlson representing the county area. It will include a dress and coat revue and a talk by Miss Virginia Davis of the University of Massachusetts on "Today's Fabrics." Joseph J. Burroughs, extension specialist in human relations, will speak on "What We Can Do To Have Harmony in Our Homes."

Rev. Ewald Mand, clergyman, professor, educator and novelist, will speak on "Homemakers and World Understanding." Mr. Mand was born in Estonia, but educated in this country. He has written several books, among them "The World Is My Home" and "Unfaithful." He is pastor of the Baptist Congregational Church in Amherst.

This Spring Homemakers Day is a get-together day for all the women in the county and plans indicate an especially worthwhile day. Plan to attend. Luncheon will be served in charge of the deaconesses of the Congregational Church: Mrs. Georgia Holton, chairman; Mrs. Bertha Rikert, Mrs. Marian Miller, Mrs. Viola Avery, Mrs. Sarah Spindler and Mrs. Ruth Martin.

Temperance Union Has Regular April Meeting

The Women's Christian Temperance Union met Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock for their regular April meeting. Mrs. Arthur J. Green, president, presided. Devotions were led by Mrs. Grace Cornell, chaplain, who read several inspirational passages from "Thoughts for the Quiet Hour" edited by Dwight L. Moody. An Easter offering was allocated to the Light Line missionary work of the W.C.T.U.

Mrs. Green amplified some revealing notes taken from the Moody Monthly on the "chicken suicide game" and drunken driving casualties, giving statistics as to the increase of accidents on the highways from this cause: an increase of 40% over last year and about double since 1934 and 4 times as many arrests for drunken driving.

Preceding this business meeting the group was served an excellent luncheon by the hostess, Mrs. Constantine George, assisted by Mrs. William Kiniry of Springfield.

Bernardston PTA Sponsors Comedy

The Bernardston Parent Teacher Association will present the comedy "More Than Meets the Eye" at the Bernardston Town Hall tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m., under the direction of Miss Anne Senior.

Among the members of the cast are John A. Senior who has had a long experience in the theatre, Mrs. Louella Atherton, who has appeared in various local shows and plays in past years and Mrs. Jean Callaghan, wife of the Powers Institute principal. The PTA sponsored plays in Bernardston are annual affairs and particularly fine entertainment for all who enjoy that type of drama.

Tickets will be on sale at the door.

Rev. James R. Whyte, chaplain, Mt. Hermon School for Boys will be the speaker at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service in Memorial Chapel.

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Historical Sketch Of 'Old Northfield'

Continued from last week

In other words the claim is boldly made that Northfield was the spear-point of the English settlements in the Connecticut Valley from 1673 until 1690, with a break of seven years, against French and Indian power stretching southward down the valley from Quebec. From 1690, when the second settlement was abandoned on order of the general court, signed June 25, 1690, until 1714, Deerfield was that spear-point. During this period of twenty-four years the question as to whether the Connecticut Valley and New England, and in fact as to whether this whole continent was to be French or English, was being decided on the battlefields of Europe by the Duke of Marlborough and William of Orange, commanding armies in whose ranks fought cousins and kinsmen of the settlers living from Saybrook at the mouth of the river up as far as Northfield, and also by the kinsmen of those Dutch who had settled the Hudson Valley from Manhattan to Albany and Troy. The issue, on continental lines, was finally decided by General Wolfe on the Heights of Abraham in 1757.

So this old valley town may take pride in her two hundred and fifty years of history.

More than a century before the outbreak of the American Revolutionary war, Northfield was

founded. It is fitting that the first meeting of this two hundred and fiftieth anniversary be held where we now stand—"Here enclosed by a stockade, the first settlement of this town was made in 1673."

Preparations for the First Settlement

The eyes of the white man appear first to have looked upon this part of the country in 1669. In the spring of that year a band of four men was empowered by the General Court of Massachusetts "to lay out a new plantation near Quinsigamond Pond" (Worcester). These men also journeyed northwest to explore the country. They were favorably impressed, for they recommended in a postscript to their report that two desirable town sites had been found and that they be reserved for such purpose. The court approved the recommendation.

In 1670 four men left Northampton and pressed northeast to this place. Their names appear to have been Joseph Parsons, Sr., William Janes, George Alexander and his son-in-law, Micah Mudge. They looked over the land carefully, learned that the Indians were eager to sell, and reported the same to other interested colonists.

The next year an agreement was made with the Indians by which the territory comprising the present village of Northfield, to the extent of ten thousand five hundred and sixty acres, was purchased in the name of Joseph Parsons, Sr.

After the petition for this settlement was granted at the session of the General Court, certain orders were issued whereby all persons to whom land was granted, were to be here within eighteen months and were to put up buildings. Other conditions for land tenure were drawn up.

The simplified form of the Indian name for Northfield was Squakheag. In the Indian tongue this seems to have meant "a spearing-place-for-salmon." The community was given the English name Northfield, as it was the most northern settlement on the Connecticut river.

The First Settlement

In the spring of 1673 the settlers began to arrive. These hills and plains were then almost without trees, for each autumn the Indians had burned them over. An Indian trail ran from this outpost to what is now the region of Deerfield, which was then a small community two years old. Another trail connected Squakheag with the present site of Athol.

The site on which we now stand was chosen because the land had been somewhat used for crops by the Indians, and also for its convenience to the nearby meadow where grass and grain were to be grown. Twenty plots of land, each of about seven and a half acres, were assigned. Sixteen of these plots were soon taken up. The list of families comprising this first

settlement constitute our roll of honor. The heads of these families were Ralph Hutchinson, Elder William Janes, Robert Lyman, Cornelius Merry, John Hilyard, Joseph Dickinson, Micah Mudge, John Alexander, George Alexander, Samuel Wright, Thomas Wemster, William Miller, Joseph Parsons (represented by a substitute), Thomas Bascom, William Smeade, William Hurlburt or Thomas Root, Jr. Most of these men were in the prime of life and were accompanied by their wives and little children.

The following brief but telling description by the Rev. John Hubbard, second pastor of the village church, appears in a volume of the Massachusetts Historical Society's Collections: "In (the spring of) 1673 settlers came on, planted down near one to another, built small huts, covered them with thatch, and near their centre made one for public worship and employed Elder William Janes as their preacher; also ran a stockade and fort around a number of what they called houses, to which they might repair in case they were attacked by the enemy." Near this stockade our original town fathers raised their first crops of flax, Indian corn and wheat. Within sight of this spot those daring men and women of faith held the first religious serv-

ices when Elder Janes preached the Word of the Lord.

The tablet erected here mentions a stockade and a fort. These speak of danger. The Indians for a time lived on friendly terms with the first settlers. They traded with them. The Indian braves often might have been seen at work for the white men. Their squaws made and sold baskets and brooms. But perilous days soon came. The Indians were in uncertain mood. The nearest other pioneers were far away as miles were reckoned in those rough times. Hadley was the nearest stronghold and it was thirty miles distant. Peace was kept for about two years, during which the brave pioneers struggled with hard and dangerous conditions as civilization sought to mingle with savagery.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Bourbeau and family were dinner guests of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Desire Bourbeau of Farley on Easter Sunday.

Miss Mary Ellen Barnes, a sophomore at University of Massachusetts, was home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes for the Easter weekend.

Douglas Edson, six years old, and Michael Edson, nine years old, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Edson, proved to be very good fishermen the first day of the fishing season. Douglas caught an 11-inch trout out of Lucky Clapp's Pond and nine more in other places and Michael got his limit.

Mrs. Herbert Brocklesby and daughters Jane and Nancy of Huntington, Conn., Mrs. Kenneth Gales and son Kenzie of Ansonia, Conn., and Mrs. Merrill Gales of Shelton, Conn., have been spending a few days with Mrs. Florence Borthwick and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hammond.

Mrs. Lewis Fisher of Wellesley, Mass., mother of Mrs. Winthrop Spencer, died Saturday, April 20. Walter Clark is employed in Blandford, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Squire Taylor of Gorham, Me., have been visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams for a few days. While here they also visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clough and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Casella of Pittsfield and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Powers were also recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams.

Twenty members of the Ladies Benevolent Society held their annual banquet at the Gables in South Deerfield Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Mankowsky wish to thank all those who helped at the fire Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sytnik are parents of a daughter, Patricia, 6 lb. 1 oz., born Saturday, April 20, in Farren Memorial Hospital.

Beginning Monday, May 6, the Field Library will be open every Monday afternoon from 1 to 5. The library will not be open the week of April 28.

Cub Scouts Den 2 will meet their den mother, Mrs. Walter Clark, and Den 7 will meet with den mother Mrs. Bernard Hall, assisted by Mrs. James Hanrahan, Tuesday, April 30. The theme for May is junior fireman, fire prevention and safety. The pack meeting is Friday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clough and family have moved into the place they recently purchased on Upper Pine Meadow Road.

John Galvis received a carload of potatoes Tuesday and started planting Wednesday. He plans to plant about 50 acres. He will raise these for potato chips.

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He is survived by his wife, his father and mother, a daughter, Barbara, of Ashuelot, N. H.; three brothers, Donald E. of Brattleboro, William M. of Meriden, Conn.; Richard R. of Thule Air Force Base, Greenland; four sisters, Mrs. Elsie Davis and Mrs. Katherine Carey of Northfield, Mrs. Evelyn Carey of East Dover, Vt., and Mrs. Mary White of Bernardston.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 o'clock at Kidder's Funeral home with Paul Bubar, pastor of the Northfield Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in the West Northfield cemetery.

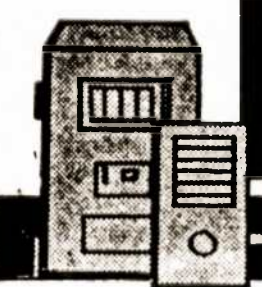
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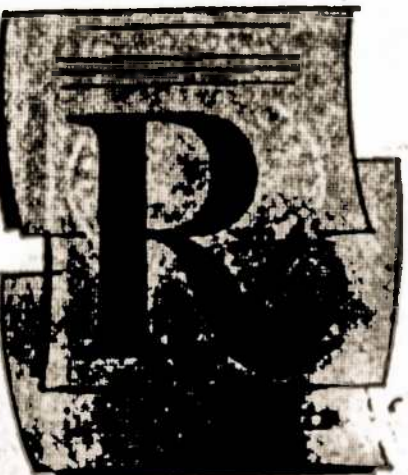
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Hind Part Foremost

It looks to us as though the most important flaw in Governor Furcolo's proposed sales tax is that he's putting the cart before the horse.

If this law were passed tax rates on property taxes would be frozen for at least a year and tax rates would be computed on the average of the previous three year's property evaluations as a basis for any increase in property taxes after the end of that year. This and other stipulations in the proposed law are an attempt to limit the total amount of the property tax assessed in each town, which is an excellent idea, we agree.

We would like, however, to suggest the possibility that the governor has not examined thoroughly the reasons for increases in town property tax rates.

There are, of course, the minor increases in the cost of town government caused by higher prices in the present inflationary period; but the major part of the increase in the tax rate, certainly well demonstrated in a breakdown of the causes of recent increases in property taxes statewide, is caused by soaring costs of education.

In attempting to regulate the total tax rate, the governor is ignoring the reason for outrageously high property taxes—and the reason is quite simple really.

The town is directly dependent on residents of the town for 90 per cent of its income and is also directly controlled by and responsible to these same taxpayers for wise expenditure of their money. The schools, while deriving the major part of their income from residents of the town, are controlled by and responsible to the state. Now the state, in its wisdom, has set up minimum standards for education in all towns, but at the other end of expenditures—maximums—the state places no controls.

In brief, under the law towns can't control excessive school expenditures, and the state, the only source to which school boards are responsible, places no ceiling on school costs. School construction, for example, varies from a cost of \$72,000 a room to build a school in Pittsfield to only \$26,900 a room for a new school in Southwick.

Instead of attempting to control the area of town spending that is the state's responsibility—the school expenditures—this law puts a second check on town government.

The effect of this proposed tax then, would be to squeeze town government expenses to a point where essential services must be trimmed or eliminated to provide for the whims of an uncontrolled school board.

In addition to a natural resistance to paying more taxes, (even though we are assured that we wouldn't really be paying more taxes), we object to a law which puts the hind part foremost and gives no assurance that the state will ever progress to the foremost—controlling and limiting its own expenditures and agencies.

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Church Notes

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Director of Christian Education
IRVING J. LAWRENCE,
Choir Director

Mrs. Belle O. Marden, Organist
Rhoda Kempkes.

9:45 a.m.—Church School.

11:00 a.m.—Public Worship.
There will be baptisms, the receiving of new members, and the observance of Holy Communion. Pre-school age children attended by students from the Northfield School for Girls.

3 to 8:30 p.m.—Spring Meeting of the Franklin Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers in the Orange Church. The Rev. Gardner Andersen will speak at 4 and the Rev. David Weinland at 7:30.

6:30 p.m.—Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People. Marsha Billings will lead devotions. Dedication of "The Work Day for Christ" gifts. Miss Edith Passmore of the Northfield School for Girls will speak on "Choosing a Vocation."

Franklin County Church Brotherhoods will meet in the Turners Falls Congregational Church on Monday evening. A turkey supper served at 6:15.

UNITARIAN
REV. ROBERT S. SLATER, Minister
MRS. FRANCIS REED,
Organist and Choir Director

Worship service with sermon at 9:45 a.m. Visitors always welcome. Children may be left downstairs during the service.

School of religious education at 11 a.m. Mrs. Kenneth Miller, Supt. Mrs. Herman Miner & Kenneth Miller, Aassistants. Classes for all ages from 3 to the teens.

The Connecticut Valley Conference of Unitarian Churches will meet Sunday from 3 to 7:30 p.m. at the Greenfield Unitarian Church. Following registration, devotions and a welcome by the president, the rest of the afternoon will be devoted to workshops on religious education, youth advising, lay participation in the church, and general interest. Dinner will be served at 6. The dinner speaker will be Judge Carl E. Wahlstrom of the Probate Court of Worcester, Mass.

Young people of the church will meet Sunday evening at the church at 7 for their weekly program, worship, refreshments & recreation. This program will be an especially important one, planning for the Youth Federation meeting to be held in Northfield on Sunday, May 19. All members are urged to be present. A special recreation period will precede the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Members and friends of the church are urged to plan for next Sunday, May 5 which will be "Guest Sunday." Each member is asked to bring a friend.

Mrs. Phillip Kavanaugh of Northfield Farms, chairman of the United Unitarian Appeal campaign, is pleased to announce that funds contributed exceeded the quota set, the first time this has happened for several years. Money contributed is used for work and expansion in the Unitarian denomination. Mrs. Kavanaugh wishes to thank all those who made the campaign so successful.

NORTHFIELD BAPTIST
PAUL BUBAR, Pastor

10 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. Young People.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service
Dial a Prayer any time of day or night, Northfield 2101.

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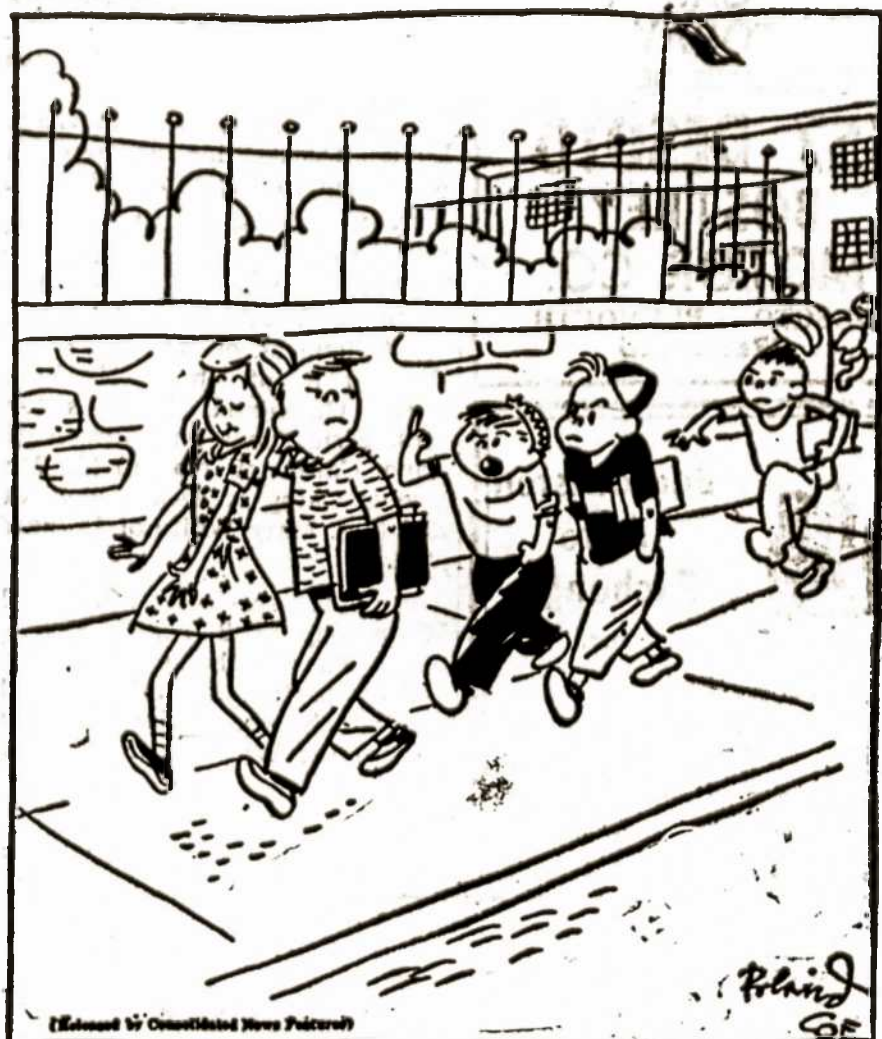
On Friday, tonight, the annual Hinspiration banquet will be held at The Northfield Hotel at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Brook Sanders, professor of communications at the Providence Barrington Bible college, will be the speaker. There will be special music, a girls' trio and a trombonist.

GOSPEL SERVICES NO. 3
COMMUNITY

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
12:00 m.—Sunday School.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service.
The guest speaker for Sunday morning and evening services will

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"I'm warnin' yu, Rafferty, watch out what you're doin' with that arm! You gotta pitch with it tomorrow!"

be William Duncan of Greenfield.

Sunday afternoon at 3:30 the Sing and Bring Club will go to the Christian Missionary and Alliance Church in Greenfield for the 5th Radio Rally. Monday evening a cottage prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Homer Browning Sr. where a prayer and Bible study meeting is held at 7:30 on Friday evenings.

The choir rehearses at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon followed by the Sing and Bring Club at 3:30. Saturday morning from 10:05 to 10:30 is sing and Bring Club time on radio station WHAI.

CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES
There are no services scheduled at the Cathedral of the Pines at Ring, N. H. on Sunday. Beginning May 5 services are scheduled for each Sunday until October 6.

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REV. HENRY MCKEON, Pastor
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10:30—Mass.
Sunday school is held at 9:45 Sunday morning.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN SOUTH VERNON
REV. EVERETT MOORE, Pastor
10:30 a.m.—Morning Worship.
10:30 a.m.—Junior Worship.
11:45—Sunday School.
A mid-week prayer meeting is held Thursday evenings at 7:45. Sunday morning there will be a communion service and the persons baptized last Sunday will receive their first communion.

At the 7:30 evening service a National College Day service will feature the Advent Christian Aurora College at Aurora, Ill. Martha Parsons will tell about what she did to earn the college scholarship which she has received and a tape will give information about the school.

The Connecticut Valley Bible Conference will be held at the South Vernon Church on Tuesday morning and afternoon sessions.

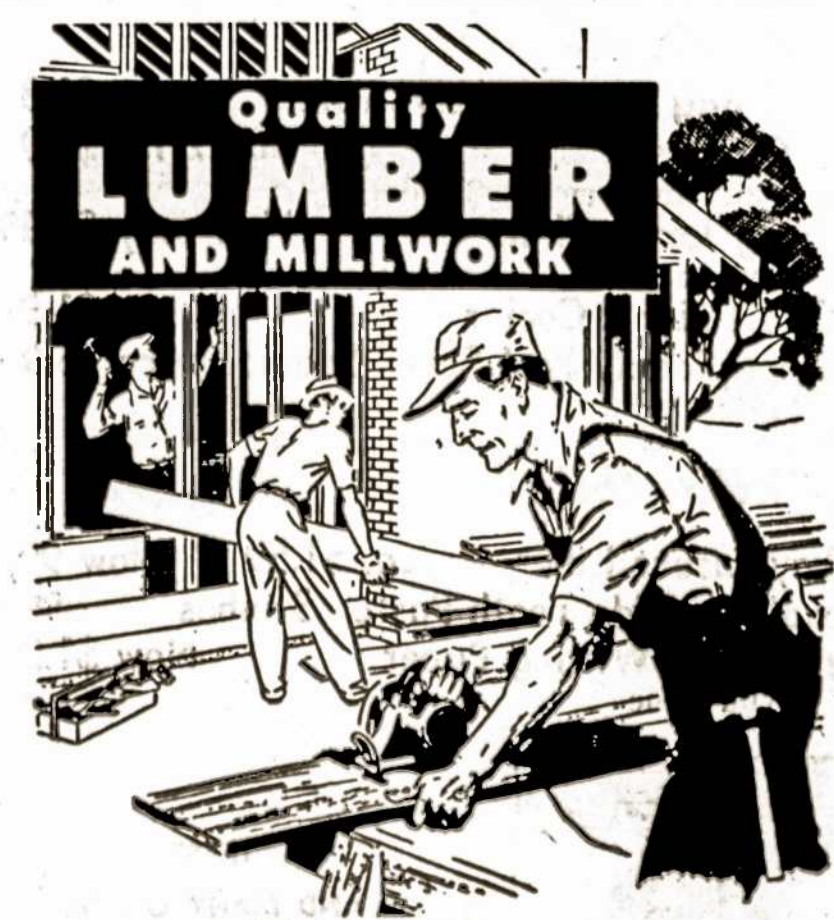
On Wednesday evening at 7:45 the 2nd meeting on "Know Your Child" will be held—the stages of growth early and later. Rev. Everett Moore will conduct morning devotions over WHAI next week.

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Northfield Grange Plans Summer Square Dances

The Northfield Grange met last evening and made plans to sponsor a series of dances to be held at the Grange Hall on every other Saturday evening—the first one to be on May 25. Music will be furnished for round and square dances by the Rhythm Ramblers of Athol. At the first dance on May 25th the musicians will give a 2 hour music program followed by 2 hours of dancing but at future alternate Saturday evenings there will be dancing only.

A committee was appointed to plan for painting the outside of the Grange Hall: Mrs. Isabel Carter, Master; Lewis Shine, Overseer; and the Executive Committee Miss Marian Allen, Mrs. Mildred Addison and Frederick Chapino.

It was also voted to hold a food sale each month — June July and August. Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Emory Rikert and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hammond.

The next meeting will be Home and Community Service nite on May 14, the feast committee to be Miss Florence Lyman and Mrs. Rhoda Kempkes.

The Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange met Monday evening at Guiding Star Grange Hall in Greenfield and conferred the Fifth Degree on Mrs. Nellie Bigelow of Northfield, Henry and Pauline Wonsey of Montague, Mrs. Dorothy Clemens of Bernardston and R. Martin Smith of Greenfield. Pomona Deputy of the Massachusetts State Grange William Culver of Williamsburg was the inspecting officer.

A skit "The Park Bench" was presented by Miss Dorothy Aiken, Clarence Turner Jr., Norman Matthews, Miss Gertrude Pierce, Miss Margaret Pierce and George Howes.

Visiting Pomona members were from Cold River Valley Pomona of New Hampshire; Windham Coun-

Notes from Center School

The Mary E. Dalton Memorial Fund collection is still in progress. Representatives were chosen for each class year and they are contacting the other members of their classes. The total reported to the office is \$133.81 at this time.

Lunches served in our school lunchroom this week included baked ham and mashed potato, pork pie and biscuits, potato salad and luncheon loaf, vegetable soup, and baked beans and cole slaw. Vegetables served were buttered carrots, wax beans or peas, carrot sticks, and tossed salad. Tasty sandwiches accompanied these — ham salad, egg, jelly, and bread and butter. Desserts were peach cobbler, banana tapioca pudding,

ty Pomona of Vermont; and Deerfield Valley and Hillside Pomona Granges of Massachusetts.

Montague Grange won the attendance banner.

cornstarch pudding, chocolate crested custard, and ice cream. A bottle of milk rounded off the well-balanced and nutritious lunch each day.

Many pupils took advantage of the "extra milk" program which enabled them to have a bottle of milk during the afternoon recess for an added three cents.

Center School pupils and teachers under the guidance of Mrs. Esther Galbraith, music supervisor, are preparing a musical program for May 21, weather permitting.

The theme, "Folk Music," will include folk songs by the choral and instrumental groups and folk dances typical of other countries by the pupils in each grade.

Monitors for week of April 22-26, Mrs. Sheldon's room, 3 and 4: Morning exercises, Sandra Spencer; story teller, JoAnne But-

ler; bulletin board, Ralph Browning; blackboards, Thadd Bistrik; boys' closet, Harold Schillinger; girls' closet, Virginia Brasser; window shades, Stephen Jones; library shelves, Robert Livingstone.

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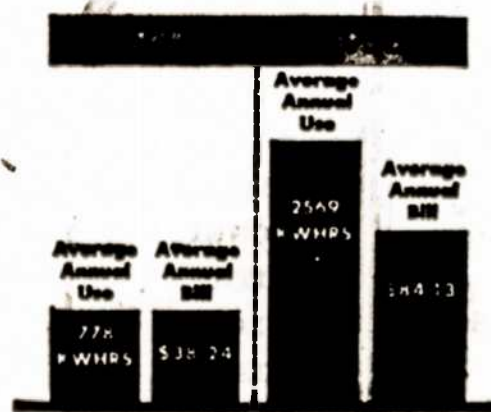


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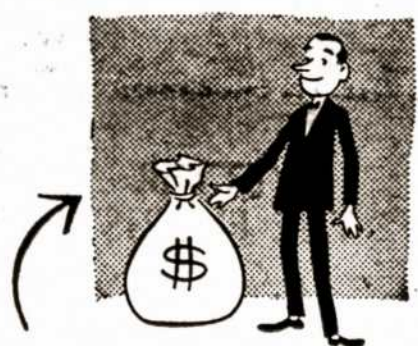
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Dickinson Library Notes

After a week of freedom from activity, the library was a very busy place on Tuesday of this week. Although there was no activity among the bookshelves, a different kind of activity was going on all week, and the results fairly "shone" as I went into the library on Wednesday.

Unfortunately, I picked up a "bug" of some kind last week, with the result, a cold kept me from my work on Tuesday. Mrs. Cook took over my duties, and

was ably assisted by Mrs. Peggy Huber.

Her day began at 10:00 in the morning, when the State Bookmobile arrived. From then until 8 p.m., with a short lunch hour out, the library was a regular hive of industry, rolling up a grand total of 320 books and magazines in circulation. The preceding high was 281. Certainly, our library will have a record which stands fair to be the best so far, in the matter of reading.

About 150 books, including westerns, mysteries, novels, books on handicraft, decorating in the home, travel and biography were left by the bookmobile. Of course we did not forget the children and young people, with picture books for the pre-school youngsters. So, if you cannot find what you want in our books, ask the librarian to show you what we have from the Regional Library.

Two weeks from now, May 9, our library is to have the honor of being host to the Connecticut Valley Library Association. This is an all-day meeting, beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning and lasting until about 4. I will have more on this subject in next week's Press.

With the schools going into the last period before the final summer vacation, we shall expect to have a continued time of busyness.

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South Vernon Has Sunrise Service

An Easter sunrise service took place in the grove near the Advent Christian Nursing Home in South Vernon. Music was by a recorder and Rev. Everett Moore's portable organ. The message was given by Rev. Fred Flewelling.

The church was well filled for the morning service. Ernest Murray, Jr., and Everett Moore, Jr., recited Scripture.

Easter lilies were given by Mrs. Jane Roberts, Mrs. Blanche Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Tange and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dunklee.

Others were given by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Barnes in memory of their son, Raymond; Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Stacy in memory of Nan; Mrs. Eleanor Dunklee, in memory of her husband; Mr. and Mrs. Cortland Finch, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kendrick; Donald Finch in memory of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Finch; Mrs. Rhoda Kemkus and Miss Florence Lyman in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lyman, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Scherlin, in memory of Mrs. E. A. Pratt.

Also from Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dunklee, Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Moore.

A baptismal service took place in the evening. Baptised were: Julie Barnes, Madolyn Johnson, Mary Kendall, Judith Parsons, Jonathan Fowler, Ronald Kimball, David Miller, Everett Moore, Jr., and Walter Tompkins, Jr.

A special duet was given by Mrs. Estella Powell at the piano and Mrs. Gertrude Gibson at the organ.

Guest Speaker

Guest speaker at Russell Sage Chapel on the campus of Northfield School for Girls at 11 a.m. Sunday will be the Rev. John M. Currie, chaplain, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.



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Youth Group Postpones Teen-Age Variety Show

At a recent meeting of the youth group of the Northfield and Bernardston Unitarian Churches it was decided to temporarily postpone the planned teen-age variety show because of the necessity of some members being away at the time set. The group voted to contribute \$10 to the United Unitarian Appeal. The contribution will also affiliate them with the Liberal Religious youth for the coming year. Plans were made to serve dinner before the annual meeting of the Northfield Unitarian church on May 13, Monday evening, at the church. The group will be host to the Connecticut Valley Liberal Religious Youth Federation meeting on May 19, Sunday from 3 to 7:30 p.m. At the meeting the group saw films of Star Island and Rose Camp, two local Unitarian summer camps. Two young people expressed an interest in attending.

Gideons Meet

The Franklin County Gideon society met recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Kendall in South Vernon and these officers were elected to serve this society for the next year: Carroll Misenner, Orange, president; Ernest Dunklee, South Vernon, vice president; Charles Keyes, Greenfield, secretary; Samuel R. Kendall, South Vernon, treasurer.

Trustees Meet

The trustees of the First Parish church, Unitarian, met last evening and held their annual meeting at the home of Frank W. Williams. Reports were heard and these officers were elected for the coming year: president, Joseph G. Morgan; treasurer, Frank W. Williams; secretary, Dorothy L. Miller; auditor, James E. Spaulding.

Winchester Note

Wiesbaden, Germany (AHTNC)—Army Pfc. Joseph R. Guillemette, son of Alfred Guillemette, 2 Davis St., Tyngsboro, Mass., recently participated in a field firing exercise with the 5th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion in Germany.

Guillemette, a radar operator in the battalion's Battery C, entered the Army in January 1956 and completed basic training at Fort Dix, N. J.

The 18-year-old soldier, also the son of Mrs. Eva Martin, Main St., Winchester, N. H., attended Thigh High School in Winchester.

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4:00 p.m. — State Teachers College, Fitchburg, Mass.

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"I have marked a certain servility in books. They entreat you for a hearing; they cry out from their cases—like men, in an eternal struggle for survival, for immortality."

—from *Adventures in Contentment* by David Grayson.

Christopher Morley was a friend of mine—one whom I had never met personally, but whose acquaintance was formed from the reading of his books, poems and essays. David Grayson is another friend I met through the magic of the printed word. Perhaps I could go a step further and say that David Grayson is not only a friend, but a companion. I have taken many a stroll with David; enjoyed listening to his discussions with the Scotch preacher; was encouraged by his cheerful

philosophy regarding life and nature, and considered myself fortunate to be present during his friendly contacts with his fellow-men. I remember him saying "It is a sad thing to reflect that in a world so overflowing with goodness of smell, of fine sights and sweet sounds, we pass by hastily and take so little of them," and "This is no place for weak pessimism . . . this universe. This is mystery and out of mystery springs the fine adventure!"

One cannot read the David Grayson books, his "Adventures in Contentment," "Adventures in Friendship," "The Friendly Road," "Great Possessions," without being uplifted in spirit, without becoming more aware of the fact that life and the adventure of living have much more to offer than we normally expect.

The name, David Grayson, is a pseudonym of pen name assumed by Ray Stannard Baker, who lived in Amherst. He died of a heart attack at his home on July 2, 1946, at the age of seventy-six. Besides being an author, he was a well known journalist, as well as being a trustee of Jones Library in Amherst. Ray kept a diary continuously from 1897, which, by 1945, amounted to some two million words, from which he drew extensively for his series of David Grayson books. His credo, to sum it up, was "that a man's aim should be to understand the wonder and the truth of life—and then to make other people understand."

The 1957 National Book Awards were presented on March 12 at a reception which was the high point of a week of activities planned by various book trade organizations for the 119 book reviewers gathered in New York for this event. This year for the first time prizes of \$1,000 each were given to the winning authors. The fiction award went to Wright Morris for his novel, "The Field of Vision." George F. Kennan won the nonfiction award for "Russia Leaves the War," and Richard Wilbur was given the poetry award for his book, "Things of This World." More than 900 people attended the presentation ceremonies which were held at the Hotel Commodore.

'Geraniums' Subject Of Garden Meeting

The Northfield Garden Club will meet on Monday evening, April 29 at 7:45 at the Alexander Hall. The subject will be "Geraniums, their Culture in the Home, Greenhouse or Garden." The speaker will be George B. Goddard, instructor, Floriculture Dept., College of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts.

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Boy Scouts' Camporee Scheduled for May 25

The Boy Scouts met as usual Monday evening at the Scout House with Winthrop Sanderson and Gilbert Stacy as leaders. They had their regular practice session with achievement tests and also carried out the contest of boiling water from a fire made with flint and steel and a minimum of fuel most successfully.

Plans were made for the annual camporee to be held at Northampton the week-end of May 25 when the local troupe will demonstrate physical fitness.

Birthday Dinner

A birthday dinner party was given Mrs. Edward Parmiter Friday at her home by her daughter, Miss Dorothy Wilder, in South Vernon. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wilder and sons, Gerald and Steven, of Bernardston, Thomas Koshinky of Greenfield, Mrs. Joyce Perkins and

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daughter, Sherry Ann, of Brattleboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Packard, Mrs. Ruth Bolton and Mr. Parmiter.

Mrs. Parmiter received many gifts, including two birthday cakes made by her daughters, Miss Wilder and Mrs. Packard.

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Through a Kitchen Window

A few weeks ago while having supper at the bay window we watched the handsome cock pheasant and several hens come strolling up from the field below. It was their habit each day about this time to make their way leisurely "home" to roost in the evergreen grove, feeding along the way. They disappeared shortly beyond the rail fence and out of our range of vision and continued on into the woods.

Just before darkness set in

something swooped past the window and alighted on top of the white fir tree a short distance away. We grabbed the field glasses for a better look. It was a large bird with goggle eyes, an owl with long ears—a great horned owl.

It was indeed a large bird that sat there erect in the gathering dusk at the top of the fir where it could get a commanding view of the surrounding territory. Two feathered ear tufts were conspicuous and as he turned his head from side to side a white throat-collar showed plainly. He fit Peterson's description so well he



must have read the book.

As we watched, he took off from the fir, sailed silently and rapidly to the apple orchard where we almost lost sight of him in the half-light. Even though he was nearly 2 feet in height and had a wing spread of nearly 60 inches he was difficult to see as he mingled with the trees.

From the apple tree he suddenly swept downward, then rose to the top of a red pine, a step across from the evergreen grove. Owls have a soundless graceful flight; the tips of the feathers are soft and downy.

It was getting darker by the moment — extremely difficult to distinguish much except shape and size of a given object. Yet the white throat of the great horned owl was plainly visible as he sat facing us.

We heard a clucking noise coming from his direction. Opening the window cautiously we listened. Quite regularly and distinctly came a sharp clucking-crowing-cawking note. Was it the owl? Or was it the cock pheasant sounding a warning?

No bird book gave us the answer. It is one of those things we hope sometime to solve. Certainly that sound wasn't the usual one associated with the great horned owl—the "six-hooter," or hoot owl. Its hooting consists of 3, 5

or 6 hoots, all about middle C in tone, deep and resonant. Around here we've invariably heard a sequence of 5 at about this rhythm: hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo.

Owls are nocturnal—they hunt their prey by night or in the twilight hours. They have strong hooked beaks and sharp talons. The eyes are very large and the hearing highly developed. The great horned owl is a ravenous feeder on a variety of small animal life, particularly rats and rabbits.

Birds can be powerful allies of the agriculturist. Farmers especially know how seriously rodents damage crops and stored grains. But few know that hawks and owls (birds they have always thought should be killed on sight) are nature's checks on these destructive rodents.

Owls play an interesting part in our folklore. They symbolize wisdom and knowledge—the large facial disks around the eyes give the bird a wise and solemn look. And they take part in Hallowe'en festivities along with bats, cats, witches and brooms. **Harmar**

Church Officers Elected By Friendly Group

The Friendly group of the Congregational church met last week and elected officers for this coming year: president, Miss Marian Allen; vice president, Mrs. Florence Phelps; secretary, Miss Emily Carson; treasurer, Mrs. Minnie Bolton; program committee, Mrs. Doris Bolton, chairman, Mrs. Emma Stacey, Mrs. Marian Dean, Mrs. Isabel Carter; social committee, Mrs. Pearl Allen, chairman, Mrs. Alice Holloway, Miss Marjorie Lawrence; work committee, Mrs. Roy Barnes, chairman, Mrs. Emma Pietz, Mrs. L. Bosworth; auditor, Mrs. Kathryn Livingston.

The meeting was held at the Northfield Baptist church. Samuel Bishop, organist, played preceding the meeting and the group was welcomed by the church pastor, Paul Bubar. Mrs. Bishop showed colored slides taken on her travels with her husband abroad. Refreshments were served.

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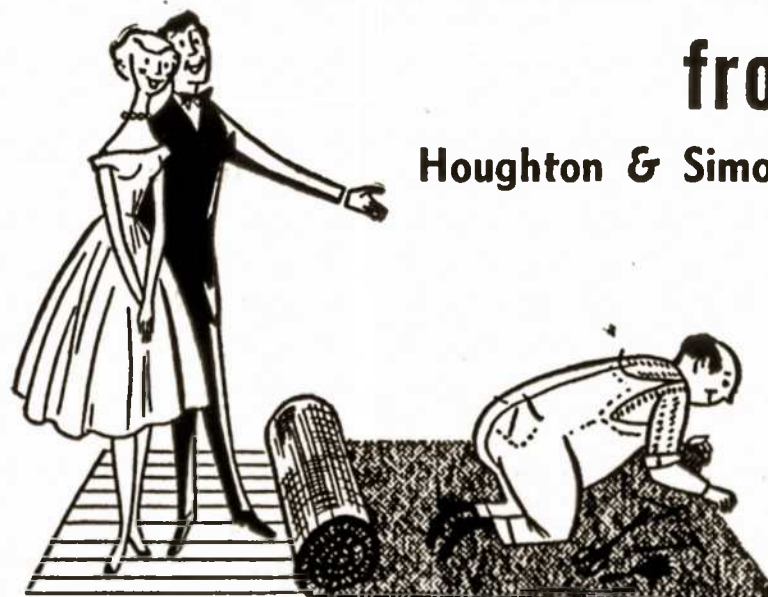
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